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Depressed Classes.

Assignment of lands to depressed classes in the Coimbatore district.

145 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the extent of land set apart near Mettupalaiyam to be distributed among depressed classes on darkhast ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the whole darkhast land near Mettupalaiyam has been entrusted to the London Mission Society, Coimbatore, for being distributed to the depressed classes, both Hindus and Christians ;

(*c*) for how many members of the Hindu and Christian depressed classes assignments of darkhast lands were made near Mettupalaiyam and what is the extent of land assigned in each case ;

(*d*) what is the extent of land set apart near Kinattukaduvu, Pollachi taluk, for depressed classes for assignments on darkhast ;

(*e*) how many petitions were received up to this applying for darkhast land set apart near Kinattukaduvu from the members of the depressed as well as other classes ;

(*f*) when the assignments of darkhast land set apart near Kinattukaduvu will be made ; and

(*g*) whether it is a fact that even rich persons who possess lands of their own have applied for darkhast land set apart near Kinattukaduvu ?

A.—(*a*) Two hundred acres in Nellimalai disafforested area in Thekkampatti village, Avanashi taluk.

(*b*) An extent of 100 acres has been reserved for assignment to depressed classes (non-Christian) and an equal extent to the London Missionary Society on behalf of Christian depressed classes. There is at present no proposal to assign land to the non-Christian members of the depressed classes through the London Missionary Society.

(*c*) No assignments have yet been made.

(*d*) An extent of 25 acres has been set apart for depressed classes in Sankarayapuram disafforested area in Sankarayapuram village.

(*e*) Twenty-nine applications from members of depressed classes, 41 from ex-sepoys and 72 from other classes have been received.

(*f*) The assignments are expected to be made in about four months.

(*g*) Yes.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" With reference to clause (*g*) may I know if the darkhast lands have already been assigned and if so to whom and what is the extent ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF KOLLENGODE :—" I want notice of the question."

Development (Industries).

Malted foods.

146 Q.—Mr. P. PEDDIRAJU : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any experiments relating to malted foods have been made at the expense of the Government ; and

(*b*) if so, with what result ?